

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 and add claims 11-14 as indicated among the following complete set of pending claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A method for simultaneously translating from a source language to a target language comprising the steps of:

a human translator hearing words spoken in a source language;

said human translator recording said words spoken in said source language utilizing a recording device capable of recording said words spoken in said source language;

wherein said recording device further comprises means for playing back said words spoken in said source language substantially instantaneously;

said human translator utilizing said recording device to play back said words in said source language to said human translator; and

said human translator simultaneously interpreting and translating said words in said source language into a target language[[, during a legal proceeding as]] while they are being played back;

said human translator verbally delivering a consecutive translation in real time relative to the step of hearing the words spoken in the source language.

Claim 2 (previously amended): The method of Claim 1 wherein said recording device comprises a digital recorder.

Claim 3 (previously amended): The method of Claim 1 wherein said recording device has a telephone input coupled thereto and wherein said telephone input permits said recording device to receive said words spoken in said source language over a telephone line and to transmit said words translated into said target language over said telephone line.

Claim 4 (previously amended): The method of Claim 1 wherein said recording device includes at least one earphone assembly coupled thereto and wherein said playing back of said words spoken in said source language is transmitted to said human translator through said at least one earphone assembly.

Claim 5 (previously amended): The method of Claim 1 wherein said recording is in communication with at least one microphone located in a position that is remote from said recording device.

Claim 6 (previously amended): The method of Claim 5 wherein said at least one remote microphone is in wireless communication with said recording device.

Claim 7 (previously amended): The method of Claim 1 wherein said recording device includes means for adjusting the speed at which said words in said source language are played back.

Claims 8-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (New) A method of interpreting and translating by a human translator, the method comprising:

- a human translator recording a first spoken message in a recording device;
- the human translator playing the first spoken message;
- the human translator interpreting and translating the first spoken message while playing the recorded first spoken message;
- the human translator transmitting the translated first spoken message to at least two remote receivers while the first spoken message is being translated;
- the human translator recording a second spoken message substantially without interruption between transmitting the translated first spoken message and recording the second spoken message;
- the human translator playing the second spoken message;
- the human translator interpreting and translating the second spoken message while playing the recorded second spoken message; and
- the human translator transmitting the translated second spoken message to at least two remote receivers while the second spoken message is being translated;

wherein the steps of interpreting and translating comprise the human translator interpreting and translating from one language to another distinct language.

Claim 12 (New) A method of interpreting and translating by a human translator with the aid of a recording and transmitting system, the recording and transmitting system including:

at least one recording device having at least one recording activator and at least one playback activator; and

a plurality of transmitters operatively connected to the recording device for transmitting to the recording device;

the method comprising:

a human translator recording a spoken message by selectively activating the recording activator;

the human translator interpreting and translating the spoken message from a source language to a target language different from the source language while the recorded spoken message is being played back; and

the human translator verbally delivering a resulting consecutive translation relative to the step of recording the spoken message.

Claim 13 (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the recording activator is a first recording activator and the playback activator is a first playback activator, the recording device further comprising a plurality of recording activators including the first recording activator and a plurality of playback activators including the first playback activator.

Claim 14 (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the recording and transmitting system further comprises a plurality of transceivers including said transmitters for transmitting spoken messages to the recording device and receiving spoken messages from the recording device.